



# Today's CITY OF GROTON Spring-Summer 2023

## DISCOUNT TICKETS AVAILABLE

Any Day Tickets starting June 1st.  
Great discounted price!

Lake Compounce



\$34 for Adult or Child

At gate, 59.99 Adult / 49.99 Child (3-12)



## *Spring/Summer fun in the City of Groton!*

Annual Eggstravaganza, Day Trips, Beach Pass Sales, Summer Playground,  
Concerts in the Park, Summer Cabaret, Golf, Rental Facilities,  
City Wide Yard Sale Day, City Day and more!

# Contacts & Policies

## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES

### Mayor

Keith Hedrick

### Deputy Mayor

Gweneviere Depot

### City Council

Rashaad Carter  
Lisa McCabe  
Paul Norris

Christine Piazza  
Stephen Sheffield



### Parks and Recreation Department Staff

Director: Mary K. Hill

Admin Assist: Valerie Koschmieder

### Department Telephone Number

Recreation Office: 860-446-4128

Email: [pr@cityofgroton.com](mailto:pr@cityofgroton.com)

### Beach and Parks Committee

William Borysewicz, Chair Christine Cabral  
Brian Clinton Gail Kelly  
Lori McClain Scott Nadeau  
Devin Robarge Jennifer Smith  
Barry Tuohy

The Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the City Municipal Building in Room Council Chambers

### Office Location

City of Groton, Municipal Building  
295 Meridian St. Groton, CT 06340

### Visit us on the Web

[cityofgroton.recdesk.com](http://cityofgroton.recdesk.com)

### Mission

The mission of the City of Groton Parks & Recreation is to promote a wide range of quality recreation and wellness programs along with park facilities for the benefit and enjoyment of all.

## Registration Policy

Registration is required for all programs. If the class does not reach its minimum enrollment, it will be cancelled. The Recreation Department reserves the right to cancel any program. Participants will be notified of all cancellations. Full payment of fees on all activities and classes must be made at the time of registration. Checks are payable to the "City of Groton."

## Refund Policy

If the Recreation Department cancels a program/class, a refund will be given. **Credit card convenience fees are non-refundable.** If a session is cancelled due to weather or other problems, an effort will be made to schedule a make-up session. If a make-up session cannot be scheduled, no partial refund will be made.

## Cancellations

Program cancellations due to weather conditions will be announced on Channels 3, 4, 6 & 8, 105.5, 104.7, 102.3 FM & 980 AM, or the individual may call the Recreation Department at 860-446-4128. Evening activities will be cancelled by 3:00 pm.

**Whenever Groton schools are cancelled or closed early, programs are also cancelled.**

### LOCAL CONTACT NUMBERS

Groton Little League (Baseball & Softball and Babe Ruth)	Phone : 860-857-5732 Email: <a href="mailto:Grotonpresidentll@gmail.com">Grotonpresidentll@gmail.com</a>
Groton Mystic Youth Football	Keona Strickland <a href="mailto:stricklandkeona@yahoo.com">stricklandkeona@yahoo.com</a>
Cheerleading	Zhane Adams <a href="mailto:zhaneadams1@gmail.com">zhaneadams1@gmail.com</a>
Groton Soccer Club	<a href="mailto:grotonsoccer@yahoo.com">grotonsoccer@yahoo.com</a>
Groton/Mystic Lacrosse	Chad Frost 860-608-1528



## Day Trips

### SEAL WATCH CRUISE

**SUNDAY, APRIL 16** FROM 10 AM—12:30 PM

**Ages 6 to Adult only**

**Where:** Project Oceanology, Avery Point UCONN Campus, Groton CT

**Fee:** Adult \$36.00 / Child 6-12 \$25.00 includes a snack pack for each person.

Join us for a 2 1/2 hour guided tour of Long Island and Fishers Island Sounds aboard Project Oceanology's EnviroLab Research Vessel. We will visit multiple locations for Seal watching as you learn about these unique travelers, the Harbor Seals, on their migratory journey from Maine. The Enviro-Lab has plenty of space on deck for optimal viewing and is equipped with heated cabins and a "vessel" type restroom. Check in begins 15 minutes prior to cruise.

We will follow the current mask policy in place. **Park in Lot D.** Dress weather appropriate!



### New York City

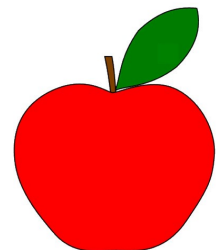
Spend the day at your leisure pursuing an activity that is unique to only the Big Apple—Broadway Shows, ethnic restaurants, museums, city tours and so much more! Bus will make stops at Metropolitan Museum of Art, Park Place Hotel, Rockefeller Center, Times Square, Macy's, Highline, 911 Memorial and Canal Street for Chinatown/Little Italy.

**When: Saturday, May 6, 2023**

**Departs: 7 am from the Norwich Commuter Lot (Exit 11 on I-395 near DMV)**

Leaves NYC at 7 pm from Madison Avenue between East 47-48 Streets. Returning to Norwich near 9:30 pm

Fee: \$80.00 per person (fee covers transportation, activities are on your own) *Darrell is driver & leader*



### Red Sox VS Yankees at Fenway Park!

**Friday, June 16th**

Classic baseball rivals, come cheer on your team!



Bus leaves Groton at 2:30 pm from the Overflow Parking Lot at Washington Park, by pavilions Arrives at Fenway approx. 5:00 pm for some free time before game. game starts at 7:10 pm. Departs for home 30 minutes after the last out.

Seating: Right Field Grandstand 5, row 1, 2 & 3

Fee: \$235 per person, **includes \$50.00 credit for food, beverage and merchandise**, transportation, driver gratuity and game tickets included! Tickets will be emailed to your phone and must have app for credit. Fenway is a cashless Park. Deadline to register: May 15, 2023 Limited to 43

# Spring Events/Classes—[cityofgroton.recdesk.com](http://cityofgroton.recdesk.com)

## CITY OF GROTON ANNUAL EGGSTRAVAGANZA

*The front lawn will be partitioned off according to age groups.  
Bring your basket. For children 2-12!*

**Saturday, April 8, 2023 at 10 am sharp**

Where: City of Groton Municipal Building, front lawn at 295 Meridian Street

Besides hunting for eggs, the Easter Bunny and McGruff will be on hand for photos! (camera/pictures not provided)

For further information please call us at 860-446-4128



Farmers Market Vendors will be on hand outside from 9 am—Noon.  
Get your basket fillers with them!



## City Wide Yard Sale Day

Individually hosted Yard Sales will be held on  
**Saturday, May 20th from 9 am—3 pm**  
throughout the City of Groton.

**A map of the registered addresses and a sign to display will be provided.**

Don't have a yard/driveway to host your own?

City Residents can use a spot in the Municipal Building parking lot for a \$30.00 fee. Minimum of 10 to hold a multi-family yard sale at Municipal Building.

City residents can register their address online at <http://cityofgroton.recdesk.com>,  
by email to [pr@cityofgroton.com](mailto:pr@cityofgroton.com) or call us at 860-446-4128.

Registered participants can stop by our office starting Monday, May 15th to pick up their sign.

## GOLF LESSONS at Great Brook Golf Center

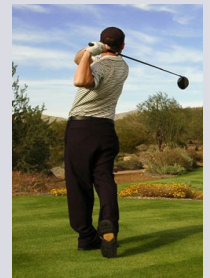
Chris Hedden promotes a fun and relaxed learning environment. He will cover the following fundamentals: grip, stance, posture, backswing, follow-through, sand shots, downswing, chipping, putting, equipment information, and golf etiquette.

**Fee: City of Groton Residents \$150 Non-Residents \$160**

Participants will need the following equipment: A 3 wood, 7 iron, pitching wedge, and a putter.

If you do not have clubs, equipment is available.

Each student must purchase a small basket of balls for each lesson. Grab a friend and enjoy!



ADULT GOLF LESSONS		WOMEN ONLY	
Mon, April 10 - May 8	10 - 11 am OR 6-7 pm	Tues, May 2— May 30	10 - 11 am OR 6-7 pm
Wed, April 12 - May 10	10 -11 am OR 6-7 pm	Thurs, May 4— June 1	10 -11 am OR 6-7 pm
<b>YOUTH GOLF LESSONS</b> Ages: 8 – 15			
Sat, April 15—May 13	11 am- 12 noon	Sat, June 10—July 8	11 am-12 noon

## Spring Classes

### Child and Babysitting Safety & CPR AED/First Aid

The new **Child and Babysitting Safety (CABS)** program from ASHI gives teenagers and young adults everything they need to know for safe and successful babysitting. From getting started with their business, to dealing with parents and children, to key safety, caregiving, and first aid tips, the magazine-format CABS guide and vlogger-style video make learning fun.



**American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR AED/First Aid** courses provide students the highest quality training in the lifesaving skills of first aid and/or CPR and use of an AED. This course empowers students to act with confidence in the event of an emergency at work, home, or in the community. *Students should be at least 12 years old for this class.*

**Saturday, April 1st      OR      Saturday, May 6**

\* Same Class on both dates, pick 1

Time: 9:00 am—4:00 pm (bring a bag lunch)

Ages: 12—17

Place: Council Chambers, City Municipal Building, 295 Meridian St, Groton

Fee: \$80.00 per person

**Limit: 16 students**

*Students will receive a Certificate of Completion*



### American Heart Association Heartsaver CPR AED For Adults (Ages 18 +)

Reflecting the latest science and education from the 2020 AHA Guidelines for CPR and Emergency Cardiovascular Care (ECC), the AHA's Heartsaver courses provide students the highest quality training in the lifesaving skills of CPR and use of an AED.

This course empowers students to act with confidence in the event of an emergency at work, home, or in the community. This course is approximately 2½ hours long.

Date: **Saturday, March 18, 2023**

Time: 10:00 am—2:30 pm

Place: Council Chambers, City Municipal Building, 295 Meridian St, Groton

Fee: \$80.00 per person    **\*\*Limit 9 students**

CERTIFICATES ARE AWARDED

## KARATE

Program will be offered to boys and girls and will run in five week sessions. The kids will learn Concentration, Self-Confidence, and Listening Skills while practicing the art of modern and traditional Tai Kwon Do.

This is an introductory program and uniforms are not required for the first 5 weeks. All classes are taught by Bob Chester, a 6<sup>th</sup> degree Black belt.

### Session V

**Tuesdays, April 18 – May 16, 2023**

### Ages

### Time

5 – 7 year olds

5:00 pm – 5:30 pm

**Fee: \$35.00/ 5 week session**

8-12 year olds

5:30 pm – 6:15 pm

**Fee: \$45.00/ 5 week session**



**\*\* Minimum of 4 students needed to hold class.**

Where: Thames River Magnet School, 250 Brandegee Ave, Groton

# Eastern Point Beach

A beautiful, family oriented beach with breathtaking views of Long Island Sound.

## OFFICIAL BEACH SEASON

**Saturday, June 17, 2023 to September 4, 2023**

### How do I purchase a Season Beach Pass:

**NEW:** Starting Memorial Day weekend season passes will be required or Daily Fee will be charged. Weekends/Holiday only until June 17th.

**Drop Box or Mail In** will be available starting May 1st throughout the remainder of the summer (ends 8/31/23). Drop off/mail in all necessary documents: copy of car registration, photo ID, legal sized self-addressed stamped envelope and beach pass fee. Pass will be mailed back to you. The Drop Box is the big blue box at the top of the landing of the City Municipal Building. You must include a #10 sized self-addressed stamped envelope OR add \$1.00 to the fee to cover mailing. Please be sure we have your correct address for mailing. Checks made out to: City of Groton. Mail In, please address as: City of Groton Parks & Recreation, 295 Meridian Street, Groton CT 06340. Process may take up to a week.

**NEW: \$5.00 off Season Pass with Military ID—Military Discount**

**In Person Sales** will begin on Saturday, May 6, 2023 from 9 am—2 pm.

In person sales only accept cash or check for payment.  
Checks made out to: City of Groton

### Saturday, May 6—Friday, June 16, 2023

Monday – Friday: 4:00 – 7:30 pm (Lobby of Municipal Bldg)  
Saturdays: 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

### Beginning Tuesday, June 20—Thursday, August 31, 2023

Monday—Thursday: 8:00 am—4:00 pm in P&R Office

### Acceptable documents to obtain a Season Beach Pass:

Current car registration of the car that the pass will go on, ID (driver's license) must match name on that registration. If you are a city taxpayer or have just moved to the City of Groton but registration does not show a City address you can show a current tax bill, utility bill, lease or deed to prove residency.

### Online Sales begin

May 1st at cityofgroton.recdesk.com.  
Be sure we know what address to mail your pass to by noting that in the Notes Area if different from account's address. \$1.00 will be added to cover mailing cost.  
This may take 5 days to process.

### SEASON PASS RATES

(Vehicle registration is needed to purchase a pass)

City Residents/City Taxpayers 62 years old and older*	\$20.00
City Resident/City Taxpayer (under 62)	\$40.00
City Resident/City Taxpayer 2nd Vehicle	\$30.00
Town of Groton Taxpayer 62 yrs+ *	\$40.00
Taxpayer may be required to show current tax bill as proof.	
Town of Groton Taxpayer	\$80.00
Non-resident 62 years old and older*	\$55.00
Non-resident (under 62)	\$100.00

\* To be eligible for this rate, an individual must be 62 on or before Labor Day.

### WALK-IN GUEST PASS \$30.00

Available to City Residents ONLY—4 adult walk-ins (use by non-resident renters, guests, family of city res)

### DAILY PARKING (8 am to 8 pm)

For Residents and Non-residents without season passes per vehicle:

\$20 weekdays  
\$30 weekends and holidays  
\$40 Special Events that affect the Beach parking  
5-8 pm daily—1/2 price for Non-Residents,  
Free for City Residents

### WALK-INS

City Residents with ID & ALL kids 17 and under  
**FREE**  
Non-Residents, 18 and older  
**\$5.00**

**NEW: \$5.00 off Season Pass with Military ID**



# City of Groton, Parks and Recreation ~ 860-446-4128

## SUMMER PLAYGROUND

The 2023 Summer Playground Program is offered to children in grades Pre-K through 9th (ages 4\*-14). This program is designed to fill the youth's leisure time and expose them to activities that will develop skills, self-esteem, character, and physical abilities. Breakfast & Lunch are included at NO charge.

**Dates: Tuesday, June 20—Friday, August 11, 2023**

\*\* Start date is subject to change depending on school calendar and snow days.

*No Playground on Monday, June 19th, Monday, July 3rd and Tuesday, July 4th due to Holidays*

**Times:** 8:30-11:30 am for Pre-K—Kindergarten | 8:30- 3:00 pm for Grades 1– 9

**Grades/Ages:** Going in to Pre-k through 9th/ages 4\*- 14

\*Children must be four years of age by June 1, 2023

**Location:** Thames River Magnet School, 250 Brandegee Avenue

**ONLY 1 LOCATION OPTION FOR ALL GROUPS THIS SUMMER, THAMES RIVER MAGNET SCHOOL**

**Beach Days at Eastern Point Beach: (drop off and pick up is at the beach on assigned days)**

**Tuesdays: Snappers, Wednesdays: Piranhas, Thursdays: Marlins,**

**Fridays: Barracudas & Minnows**

### PRE-K—KINDERGARTEN

#### **Minnows**

This program will run from 8:30 am until 11:30 am. Activities will include arts and crafts, small group activities, story time, songs, and snack time. Child must be 4 by June 1, 2023 to attend.

**Breakfast is provided at no cost**

**Fee for Entire Summer Program: \$150.00 City Resident / \$200.00 Non-Resident**

**First Session Rate (1st four weeks): \$100.00 City Resident / \$125.00 Non-Resident**

**Second Session Rate (2nd four weeks): \$100.00 City Resident / \$125.00 Non-Resident**

### 1st - 9th GRADE

**Snappers (1ST AND 2ND GRADE)**

**Piranhas (3RD AND 4TH GRADE)**

**Marlins (5TH AND 6TH GRADE)**

**Barracudas (7TH, 8TH & 9TH GRADE)**

This program will run from 8:30 am to 3:00 pm. Arts and crafts, science and nature activities, water games, sport games, beach days and field trips will be offered. Additional costs for some field trips.

**Breakfast and lunch are provided at no cost.**

**Fee for Entire Summer Program: \$300.00 City Resident / \$375.00 Non-Resident**

**First Session Rate (1st four weeks): \$175.00 City Resident / \$225.00 Non-Resident**

**Second Session Rate (2nd four weeks): \$175.00 City Resident / \$225.00 Non-Resident**



## Summer Music—Groton City Brew Run

### Summer Cabaret at Eastern Point Beach

Front lawn of the Zbierski House, start at 6:30 pm.

Bring your chair and enjoy the beautiful views and wonderful music.

Snack bar is open for your convenience.

Save these dates! Parking is free for anyone with a beach pass or City Resident (after 5 pm),

Non-Residents are \$5.00 to park starting at 6 pm on concert evenings.

**Sunday, June 18th**

**Kenn Morr Band**

**Sunday, July 16th**

**James Harris**

**Sunday, August 20th**

**TBD**



**Concerts  
2023  
in the Park**



**All concerts are held on Friday evenings,  
6:30 pm at Washington Park,  
155 Meridian Street in Groton**



Bring your chair or blanket, have dinner from the food trucks and enjoy some great summer music!

**June 16**

**Red Light**

**July 14**

**American Honey**

**June 23**

**Wild Nights**

**July 21**

**Wicked Peach**

**June 30**

**Take it to the Bridge**

**July 28**

**1974**

**July 7**

**TBD**

Rain Dates: 8/11, 8/18 & 8/25/2023

Concert Hotline: 860-446-4129

### 3rd annual Groton City Brew Run

**Saturday, September 9, 2023**

This is a 5K run at Eastern Point Beach in Groton, followed by a brewfest, music, and food. Register at [Groton City Brew Run \(runsignup.com\)](https://runsignup.com/GrotonCityBrewRun)





# City Public Works Department—860-446-4127

## Spring Leaf Collection:

Wednesdays,  
April 19 & 26, May 3, 10, 17, 24, 2023

Place "leaves only" in biodegradable paper bags, trash cans or cardboard boxes not larger than thirty-five (35) gallons.

**NOTE:** If you have leaves that need to be picked up after the official Leaf Collection is over, please call the Highway Office at 860-446-4127 and leave your name, address, phone number and about how many bags of leaves you have and we will pick them up on a Wednesday. One week notice is required.

Please do **not** sweep your leaves into the street or road. Leaves accumulate into the catch basins and clog them up creating drainage problems.

## City of Groton Pickup Schedule for Trash, Recycling and Bulky Waste

It is important that you have your items out for pick up by the following times (NO exceptions)

6:00 AM— Memorial Day to Labor Day (Summer Schedule)

7:00 AM—Rest of the year

### Trash & Recycling Pickup Schedules for Holidays:

- ✦ If a holiday falls on a Monday-Thursday, scheduled pick ups will be the morning of the next day
- ✦ If a holiday falls on a Friday, and this is your pickup day, it will be picked up on Thursday morning

### The City of Groton Sanitation Dept. sells trash and recycling carts:

**95 gallon Green Otto Trash Carts for \$89.00 each**

**65 gallon Green Otto Trash Carts for \$79.00 each**

**65 gallon Blue Otto Recycling Carts for \$79.00 each**

We will take only 4 cans or bags of yard clippings, brush or hedges with your trash. **Call 860-446-4127 with any questions**



CITY of GROTON  
FARMERS' MARKET



**From June 13 through October 31**  
**Every Tuesday from 3-6pm**

**Washington Park**

Interested in becoming a vendor?

Email [COGfarmersmarket@gmail.com](mailto:COGfarmersmarket@gmail.com).

## Summer Events

Celebrate Make Music Day at  
The Bill Memorial Library  
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 21st



**MAKE MUSIC DAY  
SING-ALONG!**

**LIVE MUSIC!!!**

*FOR THE KIDS—*

MUSICAL SING ALONG WITH  
MISS MARY-JANE & HER FRIENDS! 10:00 A.M.

*FOR THE GROWN UPS—*

JOIN OUR BAND FOR A GROOVY  
SING ALONG WITH  
FAVORITE HITS FROM THE 60'S & 70'S!  
6:30 P.M.

*Rain Date Thursday June 22*



**SUMMER READING FUN AT  
THE BILL MEMORIAL LIBRARY**

BEGINS SATURDAY, JUNE 24  
12:00—2:00 PM

**TRIPLEDAL FARM  
PETTING ZOO!!**

ALL SUMMER LONG  
Games, Activities,  
Programs & Prizes for  
All Ages!



**Outdoor Story Time every  
Monday at 10:00 AM**

# CITY OF GROTON DAY

## Friday, August 4, 2023

**5:00 pm at Washington Park**

The City of Groton puts on the Annual City of Groton Day for residents of all ages.  
Award presentations, and live music provide  
entertainment for the family and picnickers.

For the children, there will be a  
bike helmet giveaway from Groton ELKS,  
interactive games, photo booth, Big Daddy Racing  
Track, Free Snow Cones and Cotton Candy,  
Jaqueline B. Nixon Award  
and many demonstrations.

**Hamburgers ~ Hotdogs ~ Chips  
Soda / Water  
all at very reasonable prizes!**

***Don't miss this fun family event!***





## Community

# 2023



# Jacqueline B. Nixon

## COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD

CITY OF GROTON - GROTON UTILITIES

Honoring a member of the community who has contributed his or her time, energy and resources to make the community a better place in which to live and work.

### NOMINEE QUALIFICATIONS

Must be Groton Resident  
Gives Back to the Community  
Generous/Committed to Helping



### HONORING THOSE WHO LOOK OUT FOR THE REST OF US

Now is the time to honor those who think of others before they think of themselves.

#### MORE INFORMATION:

dbouges@grotonutilities.com

### ACCEPTING NOMINATIONS THROUGH JULY 3TH

Groton Utilities will donate \$1,000 to the winner's charity of choice as well as present the winner a plaque at an awards ceremony at City Day on August 4, 2023.

APPLY AT: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/JBNA2023](https://bit.ly/jbna2023)

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**Any Day Tickets** starting June 1st.  
Great discounted price!

**Lake Compounce**

**\$34 for Adult or Child**

At gate, 59.99 Adult / 49.99 Child (3-12)



**At GROTON ELKS every Thursday Night**

Doors Open at 4:30pm

**BINGO starts 6:30 pm**

Purchase BINGO Sheets, Special Games, Quickies, \$1,000 Progressive \$3,000 Progressive, Daubers, Food and more





City of Groton  
295 Meridian St  
Groton, CT

### Planning a Party?

**Rent a Pavilion in our beautiful  
Washington Park setting.  
Pavilions come with a grill!**

#### Small Pavilion

(25-30 ppl)

#### Large Pavilion

(70-75 ppl)



Call 860-446-4128 for reservations

**10% Military Discount Available!**

Available to rent for your next family party

### **Zbierski House**

**at Eastern Point Beach**

**with breathtaking views of Long Island Sound!**

3 Beach Pond Rd, Groton

House holds 50 people. **Year round rental**

City of Groton residents      \$30.00 per hour

Non-residents                      \$60.00 per hour

\$100.00 security deposit (refundable)

Tables and chairs for 50 are included. Limited kitchen on premise. Additional parking fees apply during open beach season. First floor, 2 restrooms and attached porch for use.

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**Call**

**860-446-4128**

